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**FROM:** C. Parrish for Kimberly A. Chasteen  
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**(including coversheet):** 14  
**RE:**  
Application Number 10/053047  
Applicants: Whalen, Michael J. and Howard, Jeffrey S.  
Filing Date: November 9, 2001  
Title: Portable Container for Paint, Roller and Brush

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Whalen, Michael J. and Howard, Jeffrey S.

Application No.: 10/053,047 Attorney Docket No.: 032167.0001

Filing Date: November 9, 2001

Title: Portable Container for Paint, Roller and Brush

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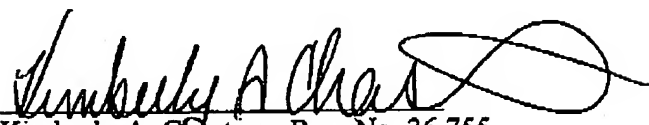
Sir:

As authorized agent of the above referenced applicant, I hereby state the following:

The utility patent application for the above referenced matter included our customer number 22467 on the Declaration, both Powers of Attorney and Utility Transmittal filed with the application, copies of each of these documents are enclosed. We filed a Request for Customer Number Data Change form on June 18, 2004, copy of which is also enclosed. The change of address should have been associated with the above referenced patent application, and therefore any correspondence prepared by the Patent and Trademark Office after July 21, 2004, the date the Notice of Customer Number Record Change (also enclosed) was mailed, should have been forwarded to the new address as requested.

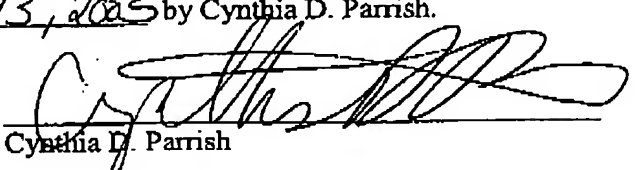
I ask that you please re-issue the pending Office Action for the above noted application giving another full 6 month period to respond. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kimberly A. Chasteen, Reg. No. 36,755Fountain Plaza Three  
721 Lakefront Commons  
Suite 200  
Newport News, VA 23606Date: 13 Sep 05

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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No. <b>032167.0001</b>	
		First Inventor or Application Identifier <b>Whalen, Michael J.</b>	
		Title <b>PORTABLE CONTAINER FOR PAINT, ROLLER AND BRUSH</b>	
		Express Mail Label No. <b>ET 248940541 US</b>	

<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</small>		<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) <small>(Submit an original, and duplicate for fee processing)</small> 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification (Total Pages <b>19</b> ) <small>(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1503.01)</small> - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross References to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to Microfiche Appendix - Background of the invention - Brief Summary of the invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (37 USC 113) (Total Sheets <b>3</b> ) 4. Oath or Declaration (Total Pages <b>3</b> ) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <small>(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)</small> <small>(Note Box 5 below)</small> i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). c. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix) Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy b. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy (identical to computer copy) c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies <b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</b> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two Powers of <small>(when there is an assignee)</small> Attorney 10. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable) 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <small>(Should be specifically itemized)</small> 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Small Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed in prior application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired <small>(PTO/SB/09-12)</small> 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <small>(if foreign priority is claimed)</small> 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other. * A new statement is required to be entitled to pay small entity fees, except where one has been filed in a prior application and is being relied upon.		
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Name <b>Kimberly A. Chasteen</b>			
Address <b>Williams Mullen Clark &amp; Dobbins</b> <b>One Old Oyster Point Road, Suite 210</b>			
City	<b>Newport News</b>	State	<b>VA</b>
Zip Code	<b>23692</b>	Telephone	<b>(757) 249-5100</b>
Country	<b>USA</b>	Fax	<b>(757) 249-5109</b>
Name (Print/Type) <b>Kimberly A. Chasteen</b>		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) <b>36,755</b>	
Signature <i>Kimberly A. Chasteen</i>		Date <b>11/9/2001</b>	

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June 18, 2004

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Re: PTO Customer Numbers

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find two Request for Customer Number Data Change forms and two Requests for Customer Number that I ask that you process on behalf of Williams Mullen. Please forward to me at the address below the confirmations of all accounts, so that I may forward to the appropriate persons for each location:

Williams Mullen  
Fountain Plaza Three  
Suite 200  
721 Lakefront Commons  
Newport News, VA 23606

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAMS MULLEN

Kimberly A. Chasteen

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

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Please record the following data changes to Customer Number:

☒ Please change Address to:


<b>Firm or Individual Name</b>	Williams Mullen			
<b>Address</b>	Fountain Plaza Three, Suite 200			
<b>Address</b>	721 Lakefront Commons			
<b>City</b>	Newport News	<b>State</b>	Virginia	<b>Zip</b> 23606
<b>Country</b>	US			
<b>Telephone</b>	757-249-5100	<b>Fax</b>	757-249-5109	

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36,755	38,080			
43,659	38,076			

☐ Additional practitioner registration numbers are listed on supplemental sheet(s) attached hereto (PTO/SB/124B or equivalent)**Request Submitted by:** (must be a person, e.g. registered practitioner, associated with the customer number shown above)

<b>Firm Name (if applicable)</b>	Williams Mullen		
<b>Name of Person Submitting request</b>	Kimberly A. Chasteen		
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Registration No.</b>	36,755
<b>Telephone Number</b>	757-249-7102	<b>Date</b>	8/18/04

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<b>Firm or Individual Name</b>	Williams Mullen			
<b>Address</b>	8270 Greensboro Drive			
<b>Address</b>	Suite 700			
<b>City</b>	McLean	<b>State</b>	Virginia	<b>Zip</b> 22102
<b>Country</b>	US			
<b>Telephone</b>	703-760-5200	<b>Fax</b>	703-748-0244	


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<b>Firm Name (if applicable)</b>	Williams Mullen		
<b>Name of Person Submitting request</b>	Kimberly A. Chasteen		
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Registration No.</b>	36,755
<b>Telephone Number</b>	757-249-7102	<b>Date</b>	8/18/04

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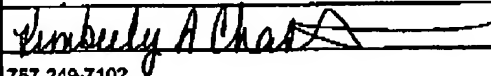
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<b>Firm or Individual Name</b>	Williams Mullen			
<b>Address</b>	222 Central Park Avenue			
<b>Address</b>	Suite 1700			
<b>City</b>	Virginia Beach	<b>State</b>	Virginia	<b>ZIP</b> 23462-3035
<b>Country</b>	US			
<b>Telephone</b>	757-499-6800	<b>Fax</b>	757-473-0395	
Please associate the following practitioner registration number(s) with the Customer Number assigned to the Address cited above.				
43,659	36,755	38,076	39,080	
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<b>Request Submitted by:</b>				
<b>Firm Name (if applicable)</b>	Williams Mullen			
<b>Name of person submitting request</b>	Kimberly A. Chasteen			
<b>Signature</b>				
<b>Telephone Number</b>	757-249-7102	<b>Date</b>	6/18/04	

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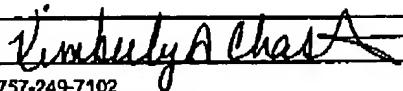


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<b>Address</b>	Enterprise Center, Suite 101				
<b>Address</b>	401 Market Street				
<b>City</b>	Charlottesville	<b>State</b>	Virginia	<b>ZIP</b>	22902-5264
<b>Country</b>	US				
<b>Telephone</b>	434-951-5700		<b>Fax</b>	434-817-0977	
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39,080	36,755	43,659	38,076		
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<b>Request Submitted by:</b>					
<b>Firm Name (If applicable)</b>	Williams Mullen				
<b>Name of person submitting request</b>	Kimberly A. Chasteen				
<b>Signature</b>					
<b>Telephone Number</b>	757-249-7102		<b>Date</b>	6/18/04	

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FAX: 757-249-5109  
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PHONE: 757-249-5100

Date Mailed: 07/21/2004

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